

State of North Carolina



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CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, many citizens of the State of North Carolina use the Internet to keep in contact with family and friends, manage their finances, buy goods and services and get the latest news; and

WHEREAS, the primary and secondary schools of the State of North Carolina use the Internet to enhance the education of our youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and

WHEREAS, the use of information technology at institutions of higher education is integral in teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and service; and

WHEREAS, public libraries provide access to networked computers, online databases, and other resources to the public; and

WHEREAS, businesses of the State of North Carolina use information systems and networks to manage their businesses and expand their customer reach; and

WHEREAS, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Office of Information Technology Services, more than 50,000 unauthorized attempts to enter the State of North Carolina's network infrastructure as well as over two million unsolicited commercial e-mail (spam) messages are detected and stopped each day; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Attorney General, identity theft is increasing, and it is predicted that approximately 300,000 North Carolinians will have their personal information stolen and used to commit financial fraud each year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Trade Commission's Survey Report on Identity Theft, identity theft costs businesses an estimated \$15.6 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states enhance cyber security; and the North Carolina Office of Information Technology Services Enterprise Security and Risk Management Office (ESRMO) is a member of the MS-ISAC and established the North Carolina Information Sharing and Analysis Center (NC-ISAC) that same year; and

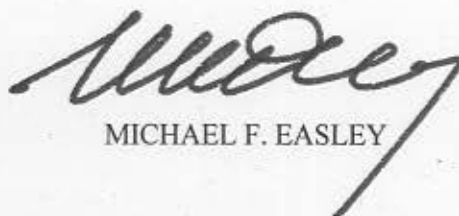
WHEREAS, there are national organizations such as the non-profit National Cyber Security Alliance, policymakers, government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit entities helping consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth to protect themselves online; and

WHEREAS, each one of us plays an important role in securing our cyberspace, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the State of North Carolina information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and the National Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2008, as "CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina and encourage all the citizens of this State to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh, North Carolina, on the 1st day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States the twenty-third.